



THERAPIST, PHYSICAL

Characteristics of Work

This is responsible professional physical therapy work involving administration of all forms of physical therapy treatment, including thermotherapy, electrotherapy, massage and exercise in a hospital or school. Incumbents are responsible for administering the treatments as prescribed by a physician and receive assignments, training and supervision from physicians or therapists of a higher classification. Supervision may be exercised over technicians, therapy assistants or aides or other members of the nursing department who assist in bedside physical therapy.

Examples of Work

Examples of work performed in this classification include, but are not limited to, the following:

Plans and carries out physical therapy treatment program.

Administers ultraviolet ray and electrotherapy, and gives thermotherapy, hydrotherapy, and mechanotherapy.

Teaches children to work and fall properly and helps in pre-surgical and post-surgical therapy.

Treats infected burns, wounds, and diabetic wounds in the legs and arms in whirlpool baths.

Treats with heat, massage, exercise or hydrotherapy.

Administers diathermy treatments to cases of muscular strain, bronchitis, or arthritis.

Administers active resistive, active assistive, and passive exercises.

Administers to convalescent patients such tests and treatments as muscle testing, grading the relative strength and weaknesses of different muscles, massage and muscle training, guided exercise for weakened muscles and underwater treatment; specialized positions in certain departments may involve application or special treatments of muscle re-education.

Records necessary information on records and reports.

Instructs therapy technicians, therapy assistants, nurses aides, and others in the administration of physical therapy treatments.

Related or similar duties are performed as required or assigned.

Essential Functions

Additional essential functions may be identified and included by the hiring agency. The essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Administers physical therapy treatment program.
2. Supervises technicians, therapy assistants and students in physical development

programs.

Minimum Qualifications

These minimum qualifications have been agreed upon by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in this job class and are based upon a job analysis and the essential functions. However, if a candidate believes he/she is qualified for the job although he/she does not have the minimum qualifications set forth below, he/she may request special consideration through substitution of related education and experience, demonstrating the ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Any request to substitute related education or experience for minimum qualifications must be addressed to the State Personnel Board in writing, identifying the related education and experience which demonstrates the candidate's ability to perform all essential functions of the position.

Physical Requirements: These physical requirements are not exhaustive, and additional job related physical requirements may be added to these by individual agencies on an as needed basis. Corrective devices may be used to meet physical requirements. These are typical requirements; however, reasonable accommodations may be possible.

Heavy Work: May frequently exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 50 pounds and/or occasionally exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 100 pounds.

Vision: Requires the ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye.

Near Acuity: Clarity of vision at 20 inches or less.

Midrange: Clarity of vision at distances of more than 20 inches and less than 20 feet.

Far Acuity: Clarity of vision at 20 feet or more.

Field of Vision: Ability to observe an area up or down, left or right while eyes are fixed on a given point.

Depth Perception: Three-dimensional vision. Ability to judge distance and space relationships so as to see objects where and as they actually are.

Accommodation: Ability to adjust focus.

Speaking/Hearing: Ability to give and receive information through speaking and listening skills.

Motor Coordination: While performing the duties of this job, the incumbent is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The incumbent is frequently required to sit; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel crouch, or bend.

Experience/Educational Requirements:

Certification, Registration, and/or Licensure:

Licensed Physical Therapist in the state of Mississippi.

Required Document:

Applicant must attach a valid copy of his/her Certificate of Registration as a Physical Therapist by the Mississippi Board of Physical Therapy.

Interview Requirements

Any candidate who is called to an agency for an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.